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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-36 (Canceled).

Claim 37 (Currently amended): An isolated nucleic acid comprising a nucleic acid that specifically hybridizes with a nucleic acid encoding the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:33 under stringent conditions comprising 0.2x SSC wash at 65°C and that encodes a polypeptide having bilin reductase activity.

Claim 38 (Currently amended):

The nucleic acid of claim 37, wherein said nucleic acid is

comprises a vector.

Claims 39-79 (Canceled).

Claim 80 (Currently amended): The nucleic acid of claim 38, wherein said vector is present in a a cell. The cell of claim 35, wherein said heterologous nucleic acid encodes an amino acid sequence of a polypeptide selected from the group consisting of HY2, athy2, slr0116, c362_anab, ycp2 synpy, ycp3_synpy, PcyA_ANASP, PcyA_NOSPU, PcyA_SYNY3, PcyA_SYN81, PcyA_PROME, PcbA_SYNPY, PcbA_SYN81, PcbA_PROMA, PcbA_PROME, PcbA_NOSPU, PcbB_SYNPY, PcbB_SYN81, PcbB_PROMA, PcbB_PROME, PcbB_NOSPU, HY2_ARATH, RCCR_ARATH, and RCCR_HORVU,

Claims 81-82 (Canceled).